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I think the Trustee technical folks need to discuss this. I spoke with Eric and Jennifer Peterson yesterday. In my conversation with Eric, I came away with the understanding the EPA is going to have the LWG hold all the round 3 data for now, and all the sediment data for now. I imagine EPA will revisit this after the RI report is released and they've had a chance to look it over. Jennifer's thought was that all the data could be held another 6 months or so to allow EPA and other government team members to review the RI report. (I assume the water data gets tossed regardless due to holding time issues.)

In any case, I'll see if I can coral a few of the trustee technical folks for a discussion. Our challenge is that we're not really sure which data should be held because we don't have the RI report nor have we moved far enough along in our own assessment process to identify data gaps that could potentially be filled by existing samples.

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Stephen_Zylstra@fws.gov wrote:

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> Hey Guys -
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> I was at a meeting yesterday where both Eric (EPA) and Bob (LWG) asked
> if the Trustees had decided if the tissue samples (from Phase I and
> II) can be tossed. They mentioned that these samples are well past
> the QA holding period so they would not be valid if analyzed in a lab.
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> If you all have made a decision, would you please send a note ASAP to
> Eric (or me) so we can settle this issue. If you all have not made a
> decision, would you please elaborate on what the outstanding question
> is and when you hope to have a final answer.
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> Thanks.
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